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Page 1, line 9, delete "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" and insert --DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART--.

Page 3, line 35, delete "DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION", and insert --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 4, prior to line 28, insert the heading --DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1-12 and add new claim 13 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of prolonging a local effect of a pharmaceutically or cosmetically active substance when such substance is used in a topical cream or lotion, the method comprising:

a. providing an oil-in-water emulsion carrier including an oily non-polar lipid material, an aqueous phase and a galactolipid material as an emulsifier;

b. adding a pharmaceutically or cosmetically active substance to the carrier to form a formulation for a topical cream or lotion; and

c. wherein the galactolipid material is present in the formulation for a topical cream or lotion in an amount to prolong

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a local effect of the active substance when the topical cream or lotion is topically applied.

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2. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein 0.1-50% by weight of oily material and 0.5-20% by weight of emulsifier are provided in the formulation.

3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein 1-40% by weight of oily material and 0.5-10% by weight of emulsifier are provided in the formulation.

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4. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, including providing the galactolipid material so as to consist of at least 50% by weight of digalactosyl-diacylglycerols and a remainder of non-digalactosyldiacylglycerol polar lipids, and adding the galactolipid material so as to constitute an amount of 1.0-5.0% by weight of the formulation.

5. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, including providing the galactolipid material so as to consist of 50-70% by weight of digalactosyldiacylglycerols and 30-50% by weight of non-digalactosyldiacylglycerol polar lipids.

6. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, including providing the galactolipid material as a fractionated oat oil

which consists of at least 15% by weight of digalactosyldiacylglycerols and a remainder of non-digalactosyldiacylglycerol polar and non-polar lipids, and adding the galactolipid material so as to constitute an amount of 2.0-10% by weight of the formulation.

7. (Amended) The method according to claim 6, including providing the galactolipid material as a fractionated oat oil which contains 40-60% by weight polar lipids and a remainder of non-polar lipids.

8. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the oil-in-water emulsion is formed as a cream base by providing in % by weight;

Oily non-polar lipid	10.0-30.0%
Galactolipid emulsifier	0.5-5%
Thickner	2.0-10.0%
Preservative	0.1-1.0%
Water	ad 100%

9. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 including incorporating a moisturizer as the active substance.

10. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 including adding an active substance for use in treatment of atopic

dermatitis.

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11. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 including incorporating a corticosteroid as the active substance, for treatment of skin inflammation.

12. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 including incorporating 13-hydroxy-linoleic acid as the active substance.

Please add new claim 13 as follows:

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--13. The method of claim 9 including adding glycerol as the moisturizer.--

Attached to this response is a copy of the claims showing the amendments in bracketing and underlining. The attached amended claims are for the Examiner's convenience only. Also attached is a copy of several pages of additional specification showing the amendments to the specification.

#### REMARKS

This application has been carefully considered in light of the initial office action of October 3, 2001. As a result, a new Abstract of the Disclosure has been submitted and amendments have